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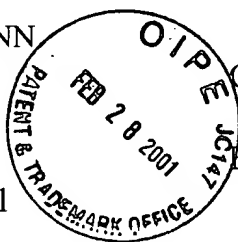
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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For : ELASTIC ROLL, PROCESS FOR PRODUCING SUCH A ROLL, AND
PROCESS OF REPAIRING THE ROLL



Group Art Unit: Unknown

Examiner: Unknown

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 CFR 1.56 and in accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98, the following information is brought to the attention of the Examiner for consideration during the examination of the instant application:

Applicant submits herewith a copy of the German Search Report (in German) conducted in German Application No. 100 01 409.7, which is a counterpart of the instant application. In particular the German Examiner cited:

(1) DE 43 39 097 C1, which is cited as an "Y" category document (i.e. indicating a lack of inventive step). In particular, the German Examiner indicated that col. 1, lines 55-67 are relevant to claims 1-15, 17 and 18 of the German Application;

(2) DE 21 28 294 C2, which is cited as an "Y" category document (i.e. indicating a lack of inventive step). In particular, the German Examiner indicated that col. 4, lines 39-44

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are relevant to claims 1-15, 17 and 18 of the German Application;

(3) DE PS 16 21 821, which is cited as an "Y" category document (i.e. indicating a lack of inventive step). In particular, the German Examiner indicated that col. 2, lines 7-16 are relevant to claims 1-15, 17 and 18 of the German Application;

(4) DE 197 36 575 A1, which is cited as an "Y" category document (i.e. indicating a lack of inventive step). In particular, the German Examiner indicated that col. 5, lines 1-8 are relevant to claims 1-15, 17 and 18 of the German Application;

(5) DE 195 43 555 A1, which is cited as an "Y" category document (i.e. indicating a lack of inventive step). In particular, the German Examiner indicated that claim 1 is relevant to claim 18 of the German Application;

(6) DE 37 03 564 A1, which is cited as an "Y" category document (i.e. indicating a lack of inventive step). In particular, the German Examiner indicated that col. 6, lines 6-9 are relevant to claims 1-14 and 16-18 of the German Application;

(7) DE OS 23 30 565, which is cited as an "Y" category document (i.e. indicating a lack of inventive step). In particular, the German Examiner indicated that page 4, paragraph 2 is relevant to claims 1-15, 17 and 18 of the German Application;

(8) DE OS 18 07 331, which is cited as an "Y" category document (i.e. indicating a lack of inventive step). In particular, the German Examiner indicated that page 5, last paragraph to page 6 first paragraph is relevant to claims 1-15, 17 and 18 of the German

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Application;

(9) DE 298 80 097 U1, which is cited as an "Y" category document (i.e. indicating a lack of inventive step). In particular, the German Examiner indicated that page 5, second paragraph is relevant to claims 1-15, 17 and 18 of the German Application; and

(10) DE 693 14 966 T2, which is cited as an "Y" category document (i.e. indicating a lack of inventive step). In particular, the German Examiner indicated that claim 1 is relevant to claims 1-15, 17 and 18 of the German Application.

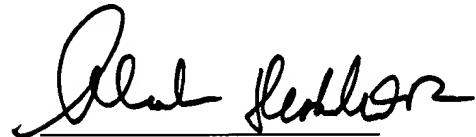
Copies of the above-listed documents (including the German Search Report) are enclosed as is a completed copy of the PTO-1449 Form listing these documents. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to consider these documents and to indicate such consideration by returning a signed and initialed copy of the PTO-1449 Form with the first official communication.

Applicant notes that this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months from the filing date and before receiving a first action on the merits from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Accordingly, consideration of the enclosed document is required under 37 C.F.R. 1.97(b)(3).

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Should there be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below listed number.

Respectfully submitted,
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